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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON
PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS, WARSAW, FEB-
RUARY 9-18, 1976

1. DELEGATION OF IRAQ, JORDAN, AND LYBIA JOINTLY SUBMITTED
TODAY AMENDMENT TO SECTION VI, PAGE 9, OF SUBJECT DOCUMENT.
AMENDMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ADD NEW PARAGRAPH 49 TO
SECTION VI: " IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE PRINCI-
PLES OF THIS RECOMMENDATION, A MEMBER STATE SHOULD NOT
TAKE ANY ACTION TO DEMOLISH OR CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF
THE HISTORICAL QUARTERS, TOWNS AND SITES, SITUATED IN
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY THAT STATE" END QUOTE.

2. JORDAN DELEGATE APPROACHED USDEL (WARVARIV) TO CONVEY,
IN HIS WORDS, "IMPORTANT POINT WHICH (HE THOUGH), USDEL
WILL NOT MISS," NAMELY, THAT ABOVE TEXT (A) IS DELIBER-
ATELY GENERAL AND DOES NOT REFER TO OR CONDEMN ANY
SPECIFIC MEMBER STATE OF UNESCO, AND (B) USES WORD
"SHOULD" RATHER THAN "MUST". JORDANIAN HOPES THAT
USDEL WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT ARAB DELEGATIONS CANNOT
REMAIN COMPLETELY SILENT ON SUBJECT OF OCCUPIED TERRI-
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TORIES AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THIS KIND, AND

THAT THERI AMENDMENT REPRESENTS "MINIMUM POSITION".

3. WARVARIY SHOWED ABOVE TEXT TO ISRAELI DELEGATE (PROF. BIRAN), WHO SAID THAT HE COULD NOT QUARREL WITH GENERAL PRINCIPLE WHICH ARAB AMENDMENT SUPPORTS, EVEN THOUGH THE SPONSORSHIP LEAVES NO DOUBT AS TO WHOM IT IS DIRECTED AGAINST. BIRAN SAID HE DOES NOT INTEND TO REACT NOR MAKE ANY STATEMENT RE ARAB DR, BUT HE WILL BE ON PHONE WITH ISRAELI PERMREP IN PARIS TO SEEK ADVICE.

4. USDEL ALSO MET BRIEFLY WITH UK, BELGIA, AND NETHERLANDS DELEGATIONS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS RE ARABL AMENDMENT. THEIR REACTION WAS THAT TEXT IS GENERAL ENOUGH AND THAT WESTERN OPPOSITION MIGHT ONLY LEAD TO POLITICIZATION OF ISSUE AS RESULT OF WHICH ARABS MIGHT INTRODUCE HARSHER LANGUAGE. WE ALL AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT 9:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 12 TO CHECK ON OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS, BEFORE SUBJECT PRESENTED TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE SAME DAY.

5. DEPARTMENT'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED.
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